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SUBJECT: GOOD REACTION TO LATEST ANGLO- IRISH DEVELOPMENTS

1. DUBLIN MEDIA HAVE BEEN MUCH INTERESTED IN TWO STATEMENTS BY PM HEATH DURING IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF WHITE PAPER. NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TV CARRIED HEATH STATEMENT IN COMMONS MARCH 28, IN WHICH HE FORESAW ROLE FOR COUNCIL OF IRELAND SIMILAR TO THAT ADVOCATED BY MAJOR PARTIES HERE. (HE HOPED THAT COUNCIL WOULD CONCERN ITSELF WITH PRACTICAL ISSUES AND ACTION, RATHER THAN BECOMING A FORUM FOR THOSE WHO WANTED TO RAKE OVER EMBERS OF PAST QUARRELS. SEE LONDON 0372.) COMMENTATORS INTERPRETED HEATH' S REMARKS AS DEMONSTRATING SERIOUS INTENTIONS TOWARD COUNCIL OF IRELAND, WHICH WERE WELCOME AFTER LACK OF EMPHASIS IN WHITE PAPER. IRISH REPORTERS ALSO READ HEATH' S REMARKS TO MEAN THAT WHITE PAPER DOES NOT URGE REPUBLIC TO MODIFY ITS CONSTITUTIONAL CLAIMS TO NI.

2. HEATH' S MARCH 29 INTERVIEW ON ULSTER TV WAS WIDELY WATCHED IN REPUBLIC AND COVERED BY NEWSPAPERS FOLLOWING MORNING. MOST PRESS COMMENT WAS DEVOTED TO HEATH' S HEATED CONDEMNATION OF, AND OBVIOUS PERSONAL DISTASTE

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FOR, THOSE WHO DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS " LOYALISTS" WHILE TAKING ATTITUDES DISLOYAL TO UK. " IRISH TIMES" EDITORIAL OPINED THAT BRITISH PM' S " COLDNESS AND DISTASTE FOR SOME LOYALISTS' ATTITUDES ... WAS CHILLY, EVEN TO MANY WHO ARE NOT OF THAT ILK." HOWEVER, EDITORIAL CONCLUDED, HEATH' S PERFORMANCE HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF MAKING CLEAR THAT " IRISH MEN AND WOMEN ARE GOING TO BE THROWN THE ONUS OF WORKING OUT A SCHEME FOR LIVING ON THIS ISLAND TOGETHER."

3. SPEAKING ON IRISH TV MARCH 29, FONMIN GARRET FITZGERALD SAID THAT MOST PRESSING ISSUES FACING HIS NEW DEPT CONCERNED NI AND EC. ON NI PROBLEM, FITZGERALD THOUGHT THERE WAS NOW RECOGNITION IN BRITAIN THAT BRITISH ROLE WAS TO WIND UP THE UNHAPPY ASPECT OF ANGLO- IRISH RELATIONSHIPS AND HELP IRELAND BUILD A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. RELATIONS BETWEEN REPUBLIC AND BRITAIN WERE, HE SAID, PERHAPS BETTER THAN SINCE 1169 A. D.

4. SEIZURE OF ARMS SHIPMENT ON " CLAUDIA" IS ADVANCED BY DUBLIN PAPERS AS EVIDENCE OF IMPROVED ANGLO- IRISH COOPERATION. IRISH ARMED FORCES WOULD HAVE FEW MEANS TO TRCT VESSEL THROUGH MEDITERRANEAN, SO IT IS WIDELY ASSUMED THAT HMG AND GOI COLLABORATED.

5. COMMENT: WHITE PAPER PUTS EMPHASIS ON RECONCILING OPPOSED NI COMMUNITIES RATHER THAN FOCUSING ON LONG- TERM SOLUTION TO ANCIENT IRISH PROBLEM. IN ACCEPTING WHITE PAPER, MAJOR PARTIES HERE ACEPTED THIS LOGICAL APPROACH. THIS SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, OBSCURE LONG- TERM INTEREST HERE IN IRISH REUNIFICATION. LEADERS IN ALL MAJOR PARTIES HAVE DEEP COMMITMENT TO ALL- IRELAND CONCEPT, THOUGH THEY INCREASIGLY REJECT THE TRADITIONAL AND OVERSIMPLIFIED APPROACH TO A NEW NORTH/ SOUTH RELATIONSHIP. WHEN BRITISH PM TALKS IN TERMS THAT POINT TOWARD NORTH/ SOUTH RAPPROACHEMENT, DUBLIN LEADERS BEAM WITH SATISFACTION AND LOOK FOR WAYS TO COOPERATE.
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